

41. (New) The method of claim 40, wherein said required treatment regimen comprises:

dehorning said at least one animal.

42. (New) The method of claim 40, wherein said required treatment regimen comprises:

castrating said at least one animal.

43. (New) The method of claim 40, wherein said required treatment regimen comprises:

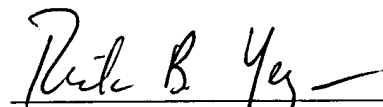
performing injections in said at least one animal in a region of the neck of said at least one animal.

REMARKS

Applicants have amended the above-identified patent application by adding new claims 29-43. No new matter has been added by any of the amendments.

An early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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APPENDIX A
AMENDED CLAIMS
MARKED TO SHOW AMENDMENTS

29. A method for conducting a cattle auction between a seller and a buyer comprising:

providing said seller with a plurality of required guidelines for processing at least one animal prior to said auction, said required guidelines comprising: at least one required vaccination, at least one required treatment to said animal, at least one required health record, and a required weaning date for said at least one animal that is a least forty five days prior to said auction;

utilizing, by said seller, an electronic identification unit on each of said at least one animal, each of said identification units comprising a unique animal code for each of said at least one animal;

collecting information on each of said at least one animal comprising physical characteristics of said at least one animal;

submitting a complete and signed certification form which certifies that said at least one animal was processed in accordance with said required processing guidelines; and

providing said buyer with at least a portion of said collected information and information regarding said certification.

30. The method of claim 29, wherein said guidelines further comprise:

a required vaccination regimen.

31. The method of claim 29, wherein said guidelines further comprise:

a required treatment regimen.

32. The method of claim 31, wherein said required treatment regimen comprises:

dehorning said at least one animal.

33. The method of claim 31, wherein said required treatment regimen comprises:

castrating said at least one animal.

34. The method of claim 31, wherein said required treatment regimen comprises:

performing injections in said at least one animal in a region of the neck of said at least one animal.

35. The method of claim 29, wherein said physical characteristics of collected information comprises:

weight information.

36. The method of claim 29, wherein said physical characteristics of collected information comprises:

the sex of said at least one animal.

37. The method of claim 29, wherein said collected information is collected and stored based, at least in part, on said unique animal code.

38. A method for conducting an automated cattle auction comprising:

providing a seller with required processing guidelines for processing at least one animal prior to said auction, said guidelines comprising: at least one required vaccination, at least one required medication, at least one required treatment to said at least one animal, at least one required health record and a required weaning date for said at least one animal that is a least forty five days prior to said auction;

utilizing an electronic identification unit comprising a unique animal code for each of said at least one animal;

collecting individual animal data comprising physical characteristic information for each of said at least one animal during processing of said at least one animal;

submitting a signed certification form which certifies that said at least one animal was processed in accordance with said required processing guidelines;

automatically collecting information comprising: animal weight and said unique animal code, for each of said at least one animal; and

automatically updating a database record with said collected information corresponding to said at least one animal with said collected information prior to said auction.

39. The method of claim 38, wherein said required processing guidelines further comprise:

a required vaccination regimen.

40. The method of claim 38, wherein said required processing guidelines further comprise:

a required treatment regimen.

41. The method of claim 40, wherein said required treatment regimen comprises:

dehorning said at least one animal.

42. The method of claim 40, wherein said required treatment regimen comprises:

castrating said at least one animal.

43. The method of claim 40, wherein said required treatment regimen comprises:

performing injections in said at least one animal in a region of the neck of said at least one animal.